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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - EX POST FACTO SUMMER SEASON CAPACITY CONSULTATIONS

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- 1. MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA) INFORMED EMBASSY TODAY THAT, IN ABSENCE OF "DEFINITE UNDERSTANDING" BETWEEN PAA, TWA AND ALITALIA ON CAPACITY LEVELS FOR 1974 SUMMER SEASON, ALITALIA WISHES TO HOLD EX POST FACTO CONSULTATIONS ON 1973 SUMMER SEASON CAPACITY. MFA REP SAID WHAT HAD EMERGED FROM AIRLINES DISCUSSIONS (REPORTED REFTEL C) WAS SERIES OF UNILATERAL DECISIONS BY PAA, TWA AND ALITALIA, NOT MUTUAL AGREEMENT ON CAPACITY LEVEL. IN VIEW OF ALITALIA POSITION, GOI FEELS CONSULTATIONS WOULD BE USEFUL.
- 2. MFA REP SAID GOI AUTHORITIES READY TO BEGIN CONSULTATIONS ANY TIME AFTER JANUARY 20, 1974 AND REQUESTED USG FORMALLY PROPOSE DATE ON WHICH CONSULTATIONS COULD BEGIN IN ROME.
- 3. COMMENT: WHILE MFA WAS CONVINCED BY ARGUMENTATION IN PARA 5 REFTEL C THAT EX POST CONSULTATIONS NOT NECESSARY, ALITALIA HAS DIFFERENT VIEW. CONSULTATIONS WILL PROVIDE EARLY OPPORTUNITY RESOLVE WORDING OF PARA 5 OF 1970 MOU, WHICH EMBASSY BELIEVES SHOULD BE DONE ASAP. IN ADDITION, 1974 CARGO RATE SITUATION -- CIVILAVIA HAVING REJECTED US CARRIERS PROPOSED RATES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND CAB HAVING REJECTED IATA PROPOSAL -- MIGHT USEFULLY BE DISCUSSED.

4. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING WASHINGTON'S PROPOSAL FOR CONSULTATION DATES AND SUBJECTS TO BE COVERED AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY . VOLPE	
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